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## 1. General

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Between 1 July and 1 August 1955, no change was observed with the army units of the GSFG. Training activity continued according to schedule, including very intensive movements of units to and from artillery ranges (usual at this time of year). In early or mid-July, or 2 or 3 weeks earlier than in 1954, the units had already started combat practices including practices at the level of reinforced regiments or mixed combat groups. Arrivals of tanks from the USSR increased. Summer training of Soviet units outside of posts in Austria intensified compared to June, but did not come up to the intensity of training in preceding years. No major contingents of Soviet occupation forces had been removed. The training schedule of the KVP was marked by increased firing practices and training activity at training grounds. Recruit training at posts continued.

## 2. Training Activity

a. Combat Divisions

As a result of increased Soviet security measures, especially outside of posts, the training level can be judged only incompletely in July. Some reports, however, indicate that some armies started exercises of up to reinforced regiments or mixed combat groups in the second week of July, or 2 or 3 weeks earlier than in 1954. It is supposed that all divisions will conduct exercises of this kind very soon.

Intensive combat training, especially of recruits who had arrived in the fall of 1954, continued at posts with great importance being attached to chemical defense, handling

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of the gasmask and decontamination of ordnance materiel. The increased number of armored personnel carriers towing light guns appears worth noting with regard to the protection against atomic weapons. The following exercises which probably emphasized cooperation of tank, artillery, and infantry units were observed:

11th Gds Tank Div. Several exercises with tanks and artillery which exceeded the boundaries of the KOENIGSBRUECK troop training grounds.

12th Gds Tank Div. On 16 and 17 July, a two-day exercise with moves into assembly position, and attack in a northwesterly direction in the eastern portion of the WITTSPOCK troop training grounds. From 24 to 29 July, tank exercises in the SCHWEINICH area. Prior to 23 July, the bulk of the tank and artillery units was away from the NEURUPPIN post.

1st Mecz Div. From 7 to 15 July, joint exercises of most of the tank, artillery, and mechanized units, probably reinforced by elements of the 2d L Arty Brig, in the KETZIN-BUCHOW/KARPELOW area west of the DOMBERITZ troop training grounds.

6th Gds Tank Div. On 25 June, the elements in the GALLIN - WARTENBERG area on the Elbe River (floods?) transferred toward JUETERBOG. On 18 July, the former REINSDORF airfield, 12 km. southeast of JUETERBOG, was occupied by major tank units (T-34 and T-54). Prior to 26 July, the WITTENBERG post was only lightly occupied. The division apparently conducted major exercises in the REINSDORF area.

25th Tank Div. On 21 July, the bulk of the tank units moved from VOGELSANG to the KAPPE-KURTSCHLAG-GRUNEWALD-GROSS DOELLEN area, south of the TEMPLIN troop training grounds; intensive air activity, predominantly at night, was observed there.

6th Gds Mecz Div. From early to mid-July, exercises of the bulk of the units in BAD FRIEDERWALDE, presumably together with part of the units in EBERSWALDE apparently in the area north of EBERSWALDE. In late July, an unidentified three-day exercise of the reinforced mechanized regiment in EBERSWALDE.

7th Gds Mecz Div. On 20 July, major elements with tanks presumably of the FUERSTENWALDE post moved toward the LIMBEROSE troop training grounds possibly for major exercises which terminated on 28 July.

39th Gds Mts Rifle Div. During the second half of July, exercises of elements in OHRDRUF apparently in the REININGEN area.

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207th Mtz Rifle Div. From 10 June to 13 July, bulk of the motorized rifle regiment in QUEDLINBURG for exercises in the northern portion of the LETZLING HEATH.

For more details on training activity, see Annex.

b. Special Units

In July 1955, artillery and tank units continued their firing practices at least as intensively as in June. In addition to the usually used special firing ranges of ALTENGRABOW, JUETERBOG, WUSTROW, and LETZLING HEATH, other ranges such as KOENIGSBRUECK and WITTSTOCK were used. The tanks of the combat divisions and independent tank units continued to conduct their firing practices predominantly at the training grounds of their units, in the areas near their posts and at the HILLERSLEBEN - SALCHA range in the southern portion of LETZLING HEATH. After mid-July, the activity decreased, probably because the activity of mixed combat groups started at this time. In July, the following units were observed at the following firing ranges:

(1) ALTENGRABOW firing range

Basic occupation since early May 1955: 3 brigades of the 6th Arty Div, 2 brigades of the 34th Arty Div, including exchange of an unidentified gun brigade which transferred to POTSDAM on 20 and 21 July, and the 30th Gds Gun Brig which transferred to ALTENGRABOW on 20 and 21 July; and 1 artillery brigade of the Third Shock Army.

IV Arty Corps

34th Arty Div	20 and 21 July, 4 shipments from and 2 shipments to POTSDAM
6th Arty Div	19 June to 20 July, rear details of all brigades from RATHENOW
25th Gds RL Brig	prior to 20 July, elements from RATHENOW
124th Hvy How Brig	27 June to 7 July, 1 shipment with approx 6 x 203-mm howitzers from BRANDENBURG
	25 July, 16x203 howitzers from BRANDENBURG to ALTENGRABOW, presumably by road

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3d Gds AT Brig

28 June to 20 July, 3 shipments  
with heavy and medium AT guns  
from ROSTOCK/GUESTROW.  
Prior to 7 July, 1 shipment  
from ROSTOCK

4th AT Brig

Prior to 7 July, 1 shipment  
from BINZ

First Gds Mecz Army9th Tank Div.

Prior to 5 and prior to 8 July,  
1 shipment each from REITHAIN

11th Gds Tank Div.

Prior to 7 July, 1 shipment  
from KOENIGSBRUECK

8th Gds Mecz Div

Prior to 8 July, 1 shipment each  
from WURZEN and LEISNIG

Second Gds Mecz Army2d L Arty Brig

27 June to 10 July, 4 shipments  
from DOEBERITZ

12th Gds Tank Div.

4 July, 1 shipment with light  
and medium AA guns from NEURUPPIN

1st Mecz Div.

Prior to 11 July, 1 shipment  
with light AA guns from DOEBERITZ

9th Gds Tank Div.

1 to 6 July, 1 or 2 shipments  
with artillery and light AA guns  
from NEUSTRELITZ

Third Gds Mecz Army9th Mecz Div.

Prior to 15 July, 1 shipment  
from WUENSDORF;  
7 and 9 July, 3 shipments from  
COTTBUS.

Fourth Gds Mecz Army71st L Arty Brig

26 June to 3 July, 4 shipments  
from BERNAU

6th Gds Mecz Div.

5 July, 2 shipments with light  
and medium AA guns from BERNAU

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57th Gds Itz Rifle Div.

Prior to 5 and 6 July, 2 shipments  
from NAUMBURG and 1 shipment each  
from LANGENSALZA, GOSHA and KINDEL

21st Gds Mecz Div.

Prior to 7 July, 1 shipment each  
from LOSSA and HALLE.

(2) JUETERBOG firing range

The range was continuously used by units of the Third Gds Mecz Army. Artillery firing practices, and firing of light AA guns mainly at sleeve targets which were towed by IL-26s at an altitude of up to 1,000 meters, were conducted. Medium AA guns fired at sleeve targets at an altitude of 2,000 to 2,500 meters. The firing at parachutes which were dropped with ballast by aircraft was new.

First Gds Mecz Army

21 July, 2 shipments from MEISSEN

8th Gds Mecz Div.

20 to 24 July, 1 shipment each  
from EILENBURG, WURZEN, and LEISNIG

11th Gds Tank Div.

23 to 27 July, 2 shipments from  
KOENIGSBRUECK;  
prior to 23 July, 1 shipment from  
KOENIGSBRUECK

Second Gds Mecz Army

2d L Arty Brig

12 to 15 July, 1 shipment from  
DOEBERITZ

12th Gds Tank Div.

prior to 27 June, 1 shipment with  
AA guns from NEURUPPIN

Third Gds Mecz Army

9th Mecz Div.

prior to 8 July, 4 shipments and  
on 19 July, 1 shipment from COTTBUS.

Fourth Gds Mecz Army

63d AAA Div.

5 to 22 July, 1 shipment from  
EBBERSWALDE

71st L Arty Brig

prior to 23 July, 2 shipments  
from BERNAU

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6th Gds Mecz Div. 18 to 22 July, 1 shipment with  
18x122-mm field howitzers from  
BERNAU;  
9 July, 1 shipment from BERNAU

7th Gds Mecz Div. 20 July, 1 shipment from  
FRANKFURT/Oder

10th Gds Tank Div. 17 July, 1 shipment from PRIORST

Eighth Gds Army

94th Gds RL Regt/XXIX prior to 21 July, 1 shipment  
Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from LEIPZIG

21st Gds Mecz Div. 20 July, 3 shipments from LOSSA

Third Shock Army

LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps 10 July, 1 shipment from GUESSEN  
(BURG)

(3) WUSTROW firing range

In addition to the known AAA firing practices, in connection  
with which sleeve targets towed by MiG-15s were observed,  
AT gun firing practices were conducted at the range.  
AA guns firing at tanks such as those seen in preceding years  
have not been observed, however.

IV Arty Corps

2d Gds AAA Div. 1 June to 6 July, 2 shipments from  
WUMSCORF;  
11 and 12 July, 2 shipments with  
127x55-mm AA guns from SPARENBERG

6th Gds AAA Div. prior to 8 July and after 8 and 11  
July, 1 shipment each from CHEMNITZ

32d AAA Div. prior to 7 July, 1 shipment from  
FRANKFURT/Oder;  
11 July, 2 shipments from KUMSERIN

4th AT Brig. 11 to 19 July, 3 shipments from BIEZ

First Gds Mecz Army

4th Gds AAA Div. 11 July, 1 shipment from RbD  
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Second Gds Mecz Army

31st AAA Div. prior to 3 July, 1 shipment from  
VELPEN

Third Gds Mecz Army

62d AAA Div. 8 July, 3 shipments with 24x85-mm  
and 8x37-mm AA guns from DESSAU

9th Mecz Div. prior to 10 July, 2 shipments  
from COTBUS

Fourth Gds Mecz Army

10th Gds Tank Div. 11 and 12 July, 2 shipments from  
PRIORT and 1 shipment from  
WILDPARK

Eighth Gds Army

13th Gds AAA Div. prior to 3 July, 1 shipment from  
WEIMAR

Third Shock Army

presumably 3d Gds AAA Div. 4 July, 1 shipment with light and  
medium AA guns and, prior to 6  
to 8 July, 3 shipments including  
12x85-mm AA guns from RBD  
MAGDEBURG

LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps 6 and 7 July, 2 shipments from  
BURG and 1 shipment from SPENDAL

207 Mtz Rifle Div. prior to 3 July, 1 shipment from  
GARDELEGEN

19th Gds Mech Div. 1 July, 1 shipment from  
HILLERSLEBEN.

Air Force AAA Units

7 to 25 July, 1 shipment from  
WERNEUCHEN

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(4) LETZLING HEATH firing range

The range was chiefly used by artillery and tank units of the Third Shock Army, and by tank details of the Eighth Gds Army and Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

Unidentified Units

1 and 2 July, 3 shipments including light AT guns and armored personnel carriers detrained and 2 shipments entrained in HALDENSLEREN

Fourth Gds Mecz Army

6th Gds Mecz Div.

3 to 11 July, at least 3 shipments with appr. 20 JS tanks and 10 JSU-122s from EBERSWALDE

7th Gds Mecz Div.

6 to 19 July, 1 shipment with 10 JSU-122s from FRANKFURT/Oder

10th Gds Tank Div.

23 June to 1 July, 1 shipment with 10 T-54 tanks from SATZKORN.

Eighth Gds Army

39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

prior to 1 July, 1 shipment presumably with tanks from CRAWINKEL.

Third Shock Army

136th Gds Hv Tank  
SP Regt

11 July, 1 shipment (equipment?) with 17 T-34 tanks to BURG

207th Mtz Rifle Div.

30 June to 13 July, 3 shipments from QUEDLINBURG

presumably 19th Gds  
Mecz Div

13 July, 1 shipment from  
MAGDEBURG

10th Gds RL Regt/  
IX Mtz Rifle Corps

3 to 9 July, 2 shipments with  
16 M-13s from GUESTROW

4th Gds Arty Brig

17 July, 4 shipments including  
8x152-mm gun howitzers from  
SCHWERIN.

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- (5) During the first half of July, tank, artillery, and AAA units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. continually held 4- to 6-day exercises at the LIEBEROSE troop training grounds to which tank details of the division were transferred in several shipments from FRANKFURT/Oder. On 25 July, elements of the mortar regiment in BEESKOW were transferred in 2 shipments, apparently to LIEBEROSE.

In addition to the running training activity of the 12th Gds Tank Div, tank and artillery firing practices were held predominantly in the eastern portion of the WITTSTOCK troop training grounds. From 13 to 20 July, 9 shipments went from DOEBERITZ to WITTSTOCK and, from 19 to 24 July, 5 shipments returned to the post.

Mainly during the second half of July, units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div. were transferred in several shipments from the posts to the KOENIGSBRUECK troop training grounds for firing practices.

Supplementing the Monthly Report of June, it is reported that, from 7 to 10 June, an AT gun firing practice at sea targets was held south of Tromper Wiek on Ruegen Island, presumably by the 4th AT Brig in PRORA. Similar firing practices were observed in 1954.

Training activity of engineer units was still observed only in the known training areas on the Elbe River. Training activity on the Mulde River ceased in mid-July. Since mid-July, division engineer units have presumably participated in the combined-arms training (mixed combat groups) of their divisions. From 9 to 19 July, the ROSSLAU engineer camp had to be vacated because of the floods. During this period, the 36th Bdg Cons Regt transferred to a camp in the woods near Lukow.

The following exercise was presumably a command-post exercise of the GSFG:

From 6 to 9 July, headquarters units and signal units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were transferred in several shipments apparently to the COTTBUS-LIEBEROSE area. At the same time, headquarters units and signal units of the Third Shock Army were loaded in MAGDEBURG, and signal units of the Eighth Gds Army were loaded in WELMAR; and the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps in NAUMBURG. From 20 to 22 July, four shipments with the above-mentioned elements of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army went from the LOSSA troop training grounds to EBERSWALDE, and one shipment each from LOSSA back to STAHNSDORF (detaining station DREWITZ) and WUENSDORF. On 20 and 21 July, three shipments with signal units including presumably those of the Third Gds Mecz Army were observed going from the direction of HALLE toward JUETERBOG. These movements seen in their context tend to indicate that, as was the case in 1954, a command-post

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exercise of the GSFG took place, and that, in addition to the above-mentioned armies, units of the First and Second Gds Mecz Armies, which were not identified, possibly participated. The units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army had apparently moved from the COTBUS-LIEBEROSE area as far as the LOSSA area, where the exercise was presumably terminated.

### 3. Arrival of Tanks from the USSR

In July, the arrival of tanks from the USSR increased, especially toward the end of the month. Approximately 430 tanks arrived and the total number of newly arrived tanks rose to approximately 1,470.

In addition to the tank divisions which had predominantly been equipped, the two motorized rifle armies received new tanks for their heavy tank SP regiments, and for the first time 2 or 3 mechanized divisions received new tanks. Since in mid-July, T-54 tanks were allegedly seen in the installation of the medium-tank regiment of the 1st Mecz Div. and since, on 25 July, T-54 tanks were seen crossing the border to DOEBERITZ as well as being detained in DOEBERITZ; it is rather definitely assumed that the tank units of the mechanized divisions are also scheduled to be reequipped with the new tank type.

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### 4. Miscellaneous

- a. On 15 July, four light AT guns, which obviously were recoilless guns, were seen with the 2d L Arty Brig in DOEBERITZ. Since the 3d Gds AT Brig in ROSTOCK, and the 4th AT Brig in PRORA on Rügen Island received guns of this type in mid-June, it is assumed that the artillery brigades which are equipped with AT guns are to be additionally equipped with this new armor-piercing weapon. The gun differs remarkably from the 82-mm SPG in the mount (split-trail gun carriage with tubular trails, pneumatic-tired wire-spoke wheels).
- b. On 20 and 21 July when the 30th Gds Gun Brig transferred from POTSDAM to ALTENGRABOW, three new guns of a type which had been observed at the 1954 May Parade in MOSCOW were seen in addition to the known 152-mm gun howitzers. This observation confirms the arrival of 6 to 12 122-mm guns at the 34th Arty Div. in POTSDAM which was reported in April.
- c. In July, it was repeatedly reported from various posts that the pay of officers and soldiers with a prolonged period of service was reduced approximately 40 percent. A report concerning the families scheduled to return to the USSR for good makes it possible to assume that this is more concerned with a payment cut in DM East rather than a salary cut, in order to hinder the clearing out of stores during the movement period. It has not been possible to determine whether all families are scheduled to return to the USSR or only those families whose time in East Germany has been completed.

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5. Transportation

- a. Although the traffic situation continued to be strained on account of increased interzonal and border-crossing traffic, the traffic demands could generally be fulfilled.
- b. In July 1955, the railroad coal stocks rose to a maximum status of 9.8 days' requirements on 4 July. Such a peak has not been reached since late 1953. At the end of July, coal stocks began to decrease to 8 days' requirements on 21 July. Increased hard coal imports from Poland continued but showed a fluctuating tendency.
- c. East- and westbound border traffic continued to be intensive. The following details are of special interest:

- (1) Military supply traffic from the USSR included additional shipments of tanks (T-54s).

AA shipments, apparently complete units, continued to arrive. Several shipments of air force ground units were identified. An increase of fuel (jet fuel) shipments for the Twenty-Fourth Air Army was observed. Individual aircraft shipments were also recorded.

- (2) Several shipments probably of Soviet motor vehicles (buses) were dispatched from the GDR to Warsaw. These shipments were destined for the Fifth World Youth Festival. The carrying capacity needed was apparently made available by the countries participating in the festival.

d. Miscellaneous

- (1) [redacted] the independent dispatch office for railroad tank cars was dissolved on 1 July 1955. Duties of the dissolved office were taken charge of by other departments of the Ministry of Traffic.
- (2) Between 1 and 31 July, a traffic conference was held by the Eastern Bloc Countries in East Berlin. The conference concerned the establishment of an "International Railroad Office."
- (3) The first newly constructed coal-dust firing locomotive was completed. The construction of 20 coal-dust firing locomotives per year was planned for the second five-year plan (1956 to 1960).
- (4) Prior to July, 42 locomotives of column locomotives types 50 and 52 lent to Poland in the summer of 1954, were returned to the GDR.

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- (5) The execution of railroad construction projects continued to be delayed. The estimated costs must be cancelled because of increased prices for steel and timber.

The construction of the Westring-Berlin, including the Geln-Saarmund line section and the crossing of Lake Templin, was started.

The placing of rails was started at the Brieselang-Wustermark line section of the Nord-Westring-Berlin.

#### 6. Supply

A summary of the current supply programs will be given in the monthly report of August 1955.

#### 7. KVP

##### a. Order of Battle

No changes were observed at the posts. KVP engineers were confirmed in BUCHENWALD near WEIMAR. KVP quarters in BASDORF north of BERLIN and a topographical school in DESSAU were reported. The last elements of the MdI/KVP and the passenger-car battalion are expected to transfer from East BERLIN to STRAUSBERG soon.

##### b. Training

Training of the youngest recruits was conducted exclusively at posts and in special units as previously. Soldiers with a prolonged period of service were trained predominantly at company level for special missions. Some battalion exercises and exercises of mixed reconnaissance units or rifle and tank units in battalion strength have already been held. Transfers of units to target ranges and training grounds and to tent camps usually near the posts increased, presumably by rotation in regiments and divisions. Units with heavy weapons were in the main observed at target ranges and training grounds. Elements of officer schools were also transferred to training grounds.

The following exercises and shipments from and to training areas were observed:

##### (1) Corps North

22 June

exercise of Rcn Bn PRENZLAU with  
Rcn Co/Mtz Rifle Regt PRENZLAU  
near the post.

early to mid-July

minor exercises in the  
PASEWALK area.

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4 to presumably  
31 July

signal battalion, reconnaissance  
battalion and smaller units of  
Mtz Rifle Div. PRENZLAU presumably  
in the GROSS SCHOENEBECK area  
south of Schorfheide.

(2) Mecz Div POTSDAM

7 July

shipment presumably with bulk of  
AAA Regt POTSDAM to troop training  
grounds east of KLIETZ, possibly  
coming from ALTENGRABOW

10 and 11 July

transfer presumably of  
reconnaissance units of Mecz  
Div POTSDAM to KLIETZ troop  
training grounds by rail

11 and 12 July

transfer presumably of elements  
of Mecz Regte ORANIENBURG and  
POTSDAM from posts to troop  
training grounds east of KLIETZ  
(2 shipments) and back

13 July

attack practice of rifle units  
against emplacements at the  
training grounds east of KLIETZ

mid-July

possibly elements of the artillery  
regiment and the bulk of a tank  
regiment of Mecz Div. POTSDAM at  
training grounds east of KLIETZ

15 July

transfer of major elements of Mort  
Regt PREMNITZ for summer training.

(3) Corps South

11 June

return shipment of minor elements  
of FRANKENBERG post from NOCHTEN  
troop training grounds. During  
June, presumably repeatedly minor  
tank units at NOCHTEN training  
grounds.

late June and  
early July

elements of Mtz Rifle Regt  
WEISSENFELS presumably in the  
HOHENMOELEN - ZEITZ area.

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17 July shipment possibly with artillery from LEIPZIG presumably to training grounds north of TORGAU

23 July return shipment possibly with artillery from training grounds north of TORGAU to WEISENFELS.

(4) Officer Schools

25 June return shipment presumably of elements of Infantry School DOEBELN from NOCHTEN troop training grounds

15 July return shipment of the bulk of the AAA School from firing practices in the KUEHLUNGSBORN-WUSTROW area to ORANIENBURG.

c. Recruiting

The SED/PDJ/GST recruiting campaign for the KVP, border police, and Sfs guard units terminated at the end of June and the beginning of July, allegedly on 1 July, the Day of the KVP. Since about mid-July, the interest had apparently been in real volunteers only, probably as a result of the fact that unfavorable popular reactions to the recruiting methods and the neglect of economic points of view had to be neutralized and, on the other hand, sufficient recruits had arrived to replace discharges of April. The present actual strength of the KVP (army) is roughly estimated at 90,000 to 93,000 men (approximately 88,000 men in late March). The border police and the Sfs guard units received 6,000 to 7,000 recruits. Presumably in early August, an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 newly recruited officer candidates are to be inducted into schools. Contrary to a previous assumption, the KVP (army) discharged presumably only an average of 25 percent of the unit strengths. The next discharges are to take place in the fall.

d. Miscellaneous

- (1) The reequipment of the rifle battalions with 57-mm AT guns replacing 45-mm AT guns appears to be terminated. SU-100 guns have only been observed with mechanized regiments of Mecz Div POTSDAM.
- (2) Sporadic information again indicated that individual, especially selected KVP officers were sent to the USSR for a prolonged special training.
- (3) The GST and combat group training program continued to concentrate on intensive training as well as recruiting of commissioned and non-commissioned officers. The basic

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GST units are being reorganized into groups, battalions (Abteilungen) and Hundertschaften. Two or three months ago, the Zentralvorstand (headquarters) was transferred from HALLE to NEUMAGEN near STRAUSBERG in order to guarantee close cooperation with the KVP headquarters.

#### 8. Austria

In July, some supply installations were removed and supply goods were shipped away. The hospital in AMSTETTEN was vacated. The departure of Soviet families increased. Surveying operations near the border which had been observed for some time were being intensified.

Units of the motorized rifle regiments in EISENSTADT and MAUER OEHLING of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. as well as elements of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, probably including elements of the 46th Gds Mecz Regt in KLOSTERNEUBURG and elements in battalion strength of the 44th Gds Mecz Regt in VIENNA, held practices at the DOELLERSHILF troop training ground.

Since the engineer training site northeast of Melk was heavily occupied, the engineer battalions of the two divisions are believed to be stationed there during the period under review. On 25 July, the site was flooded and had to be evacuated.

The bulk of the regiments of the 23d AAA Div were again at their posts at the end of June with only small details left in APETLON in July. This AAA firing range was also used by units of the air force AAA as in previous years.

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Activities of Soviet Army Units of GSEF between  
June and late July 1955

GSEF

66th Sig Regt	STAHNSDORF	prior to 22 July, elements presumably at command-post exercises of the GSEF
56th Motor Trans Regt	KUMMERSDORF	prior to 29 July, at the post
u/i Engr Regt	BERNBURG	since mid-May assumed to be in the DESSAU-AKEN area
36th Bdg Cons Regt	MAGDEBURG	19 July, bulk at ROSSLAU engineer camp

IV Army Corps

6th Arty Div.	RATHENOW	prior to late July, in the ALTENGRABOW training area
		19 June to 20 July, rear details of all brigades and major elements of 25th Gds RL Brig in ALTENGRABOW
	BRANDENBURG	prior to 3 August, 124th Hv How Brig at the post
		25 and 26 July, major elements at marching and loading practices;
		26 July, 5 shipments detrained in BRANDENBURG
		27 June to 7 July, 1 shipment in ALTENGRABOW
34th Arty Div.	POTSDAM	prior to late July, 2 brigades in ALTENGRABOW
		20 and 21 July, 30th Gds Gun Brig transferred to ALTENGRABOW (4 shipments), in exchange u/i Gun Brig from ALTENGRABOW to POTSDAM (2 shipments)

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4th AT Brig	PRORA	7 July, 1 shipment ALTENGRABOW-BINZ 11 to 19 July, 3 shipments in WUSTROW
3d Gds AT Brig	ROSTOCK	28 June to 20 July, 3 shipments in ALTENGRABOW  7 July, 1 shipment ALTENGRABOW-ROSTOCK
2d Gds AAA Div.	ZOSSEN-REHAGEN	1 June to 6 July, 2 shipments from WUENSDORF in WUSTROW  12 July, 2 shipments SPERENBERG-WUSTROW
6th Gds AAA Div.	CHEMNITZ and uranium-mining area	8 July, 1 shipment WUSTROW-CHEMNITZ  8 and 11 July, 1 shipment each CHEMNITZ-WUSTROW
32d AAA Div.	FRANKFURT/O KUESTRIN	7 July, 1 shipment WUSTROW-FRANKFURT/O  12 July, 2 shipments KUESTRIN-WUSTROW
<u>Eighth Gds Army</u>		
Hq	WEIMAR-NOHRA	7 and 8 July, elements at command-post exercise
13th AAA Div.	WEIMAR	3 July, 1 shipment WUSTROW-WEIMAR  23 July, bulk absent from the post
Army Arty Brigs	ALTENBURG	7 July, 1 shipment ALTENGRABOW-ALTENBURG
91st Sig Regt and 446th Sig Bn	WEIMAR	7 and 8 July, 2 shipments loaded, presumably participation in command-post exercise of GSFG
XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps	RUDOLSTADT	prior to 27 July, headquarters at the post
303th Arty Brig	GERA	27 to 29 July, at least 3 shipments with major elements presumably to ALTENGRABOW  9 July, 1 shipment ALTENGRABOW - GERA.

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316th Gds RL Regt	SAALFELD	prior to 9 July, at the post
497th AAA Regt	RUDOLSTADT	4 July, elements loaded
39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. OHRDRUF		5 July, 2 shipments ALTENGRABOW - OHRDRUF, 1 shipment each from ALTENGRABOW to PLAUE and MEININGEN
		1 July, presumably tank detail from LETZLING HEATH back to LOSSA (1 shipment)
		17 to 23 July, infantry and artillery units from OHRDRUF for exercises in the MEININGEN area
		18 and 23 July, elements of the rifle regiment in PLAUE detrained, coming from exercises
20th Gds Mecz Div.	JENA and WEIMAR	prior to late July, bulk in OHRDRUF
	ZEITZ	bulk of units training at the post and in the ZEITZ forest
XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps		
498th AAA Regt	NAUMBURG	7 July, 14 medium AA guns loaded in NAUMBURG
4th Gds RL Regt	LEIPZIG	5 July, 1 shipment ALTENGRABOW - LEIPZIG
		21 July, 1 shipment JUTERBOG - LEIPZIG
Corps Sig Bn	NAUMBURG	7 July, loaded in NAUMBURG, presumably for command-post exercise of GSFG
76th Arty Brig	MERSEBURG	25 to 27 July, bulk transferred to ALTENGRABOW in 5 shipments
57th Gds Mtz Rifle	NAUMBURG	11 July, division headquarters absent from the post 21 July, elements from NAUMBURG, WEISSENFELS and LANGENSALZA in KINDEL
		17 July, motorized rifle regiment at the post in NAUMBURG

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5 and 6 July, 2 shipments from  
ALTENGRABOW to NAUMBURG and  
1 shipment each to LANGENSALZA,  
GOTHA and KINDEL

21 to 24 July, tank firing details  
of the tank SP gun regiment in  
WEISSENFELS loaded

21st Gds Mecz Div. HALLE

since 20 April, 50 percent of the  
division presumably in LOSSA

7 July, 1 shipment each from  
ALTENGRABOW to LOSSA and HALLE

20 July, 3 shipments LOSSA -  
JUETERBOG

Third Shock Army

MAGDEBURG

9 July, headquarters elements and  
signal units loaded, presumably  
for participation in command-post  
exercise of the GSFG

3d AAA Div.

MAGDEBURG

4 July, 1 shipment MAGDEBURG-  
WUSTROW, 6 and 8 July, 3 shipments from  
WUSTROW to RBD MAGDEBURG

136th Gds Hv Tank  
SP Regt

BURG

11 July, 1 shipment with 17  
T-34s from HALDENLEBEN to BURG

20th Army AT Brig

BRANDENBURG

prior to 25 July, assumed to be  
in the wood camp southeast of  
JAEVENITZ

LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps

4th AAA Regt

BURG

10 July, 1 shipment GUSEN -  
JUETERBOG

6 and 7 July, 2 shipments from  
BURG and 1 shipment from STENDAL  
to WUSTROW

207th Mtz Rifle Div.

STENDAL

3 July, 1 shipment WUSTROW-  
GARDELEGEN

20 July, elements assumed in  
the northern portion of  
LETZLING HEATH

QUEDLINBURG

30 June to 13 July, major elements  
of the motorized rifle regiment in  
the northern portion of LETZLING  
HEATH (3 shipments)

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27 June to 6 July, 1 shipment in  
ALTENGRABOW  
5 July, 1 shipment to ALTENGRABOW

19th Gds Mecz Div.      MAGDEBURG      18 July, elements still being  
rotated to LETZLING HEATH  
13 July, 1 shipment MAGDEBURG-  
GARDELEGEN

                                 HALBERSTADT      1 July, 1 shipment ALTENGRABOW-  
HALBERSTADT

                                 HILLERSLEBEN      1 July, 1 shipment WUSTROW-  
HILLERSLEBEN

IX Mtz Rifle Corps

4th Gds Arty Brig      SCHWERIN      16 July, 1 shipment SCHWERIN-  
ALTENGRABOW  
17 July, major elements in 4  
shipments from SCHWERIN to  
TANGERHUTTE (LETZLING HEATH)

10th Gds RL Regt      GUESTROW      8 July, 1 shipment ALTENGRABOW-  
GUESTROW  
3 to 9 July, elements from GUESTROW  
at LETZLING HEATH (2 shipments)

94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div      SCHWERIN      7 July, 1 shipment each from  
ALTENGRABOW to SCHWERIN and WISMAR

18th Mecz Div.      31 July, mechanized regiment in  
LUDWIGSLUST absent from the post

First Gds Mecz Army

u/i Arty Brig      KOENIGSBRUECK      prior to late July, at the post

u/i Engr Regt      DRESDEN-  
UEBIGAU      since early July, at the post

4th Gds AAA Div.      11 July, 1 shipment from RBD  
DRESDEN to WUSTROW

u/i RL Regt      MEISSEN      21 July, 2 shipments MEISSEN-  
JUETERBOG

8th Gds Mecz Div.      prior to late July, tank regiment  
from BORNA in KOENIGSBRUECK,  
elements of the units from the  
other posts rotated to KOENIGSBRUECK

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In July, continually shipments for firing practices to KOENIGSBRUECK, JUETERBOG and ALTENGHABOW

12 to 17 July, 5 unidentified shipments from GRILMA, WURZEN and BRANDIS to WEIMAR

9th Tank Div.

RIESA

prior to late July, bulk of the division in the post area and at training in ZEITHAIN

prior to late July, intensive artillery firing and night practices

5 and 8 July, 1 shipment each from ALTENGHABOW to ZEITHAIN

11th Gds Tank Div.

prior to late July, elements in KOENIGSBRUECK

prior to late July, tank regiment in MEISSEN absent from the post, presumably in KOENIGSBRUECK

since early July, engineer battalion at the post in DRESDEN

7 July, 1 shipment ALTENGHABOW-KOENIGSBRUECK

23 July, 1 shipment JUETERBOG-KOENIGSBRUECK and 23 to 27 July, elements from KOENIGSBRUECK in JUETERBOG (2 shipments)

Third Gdn Mecz Army

Hq

JUETERBOG-  
FORST ZINNA

prior to late July, no changes

62d AAA Div.

DESSAU-  
KOCHSTEDT

8 July, 3 shipments DESSAU-WUSTRGW

91st Gds RL Regt

LUCKENWALDE

prior to late July at the post

14th Gds Mecz Div.

JUETERBOG

prior to late July, mechanized and tank units seen at the post

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6th Gds Tank Div.	WITTENBERG	25 June, bulk of the division moved from the JESSEN-WARTENBURG-GALLIN training area (which appears to be new) toward JUETERBOG (floods?) 18 July, major tank units at the former REINSDORF airfield, 12 km southeast of JUETERBOG
7th Gds Tank Div.	DESSAU	since 28 April, bulk in the JUETERBOG area, confirmed by major tank units which were in the WERDER-MARKENDORF camp prior to late July  20 July, 1 shipment ROSSLAU-FORST ZINNA
9th Mecz Div.	COTTBUS	prior to late July, bulk at the posts  kaserne north of DRACHHAUSEN (3304) occupied to capacity prior to mid-July  7 and 9 July, 3 shipments with elements from COTTBUS in ALTENGRABOW; 15 July, 1 shipment from ALTENGRABOW back to WUENSDORF  8 July, 4 shipments with tank units from JUETERBOG to COTTBUS, 18 July, 1 shipment from COTTBUS to JUETERBOG  10 July, AAA units from WUSTROW to COTTBUS (2 shipments)

Fourth Gds Mecz Army

Hq 51st (?) Mtbl Regt 118th Sig Regt	EBERSWALDE	6 to 9 July, several shipments with headquarters and signal units to the COTTBUS-LIEBEROSE area; 20 and 21 July, 4 shipments returned from LOSSA, presumably participation in command-post exercise of GSGF
63d AAA Div	EBERSWALDE	5 to 22 July, 1 shipment in JUETERBOG
71st L Arty Brig	BERNAU	23 July, bulk at the post  26 June to 9 July, 4 shipments in ALTENGRABOW  23 July, elements returned from JUETERBOG (2 shipments)

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6th Gds Mecz Div.      BERNAU      prior to 30 July at the post

5 July, 2 shipments with AAA  
regiment to ALTENGRABOW

9 July, 1 shipment to JUETERBOG

18 to 22 July, elements of the  
howitzer regiment in JUETERBOG  
(1 shipment)

prior to late July, elements  
continually for training in the  
post training area including  
exercises of mixed units up to  
regimental strength

BAD FREIENWALDE 3 to 18 July, 2 shipments with  
tanks in TEMPLIN; training activity  
same as in BERNAU

EBERSWALDE      3 to 11 July, tank details at  
LETZLING HEATH (at least 3  
shipments)

27 to 30 July, exercise of the  
reinforced mechanized  
regiment near the post

7th Gds Mecz Div.      FRANKFURT/O      28 July, bulk at posts  
FUERSTENWALDE

5 July, 1 shipment each from  
ALTENGRABOW to FRANKFURT/O and  
FUERSTENWALDE

6 and 22 July, 1 shipment each  
day from FRANKFURT/O to ALTENGRABOW

20 and 21 July, elements from  
ALTENGRABOW back to FRANKFURT/  
LIEBEROSE (2 shipments)

20 July, 1 shipment from FRANKFURT/O  
to JUETERBOG

6 to 19 July, tank firing detail  
from FRANKFURT/O at LETZLING HEATH  
(1 shipment)

25 July, 2 shipments of the mortar  
regiment from BEESKOW probably to  
LIEBEROSE

20 to 28 July, presumably exercises  
of the FUERSTENWALDE units in the  
LIEBEROSE area

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10th Gds Tank Div.

POTSDAM  
KRAMPNITZ

28 July, 2 shipments with tanks  
returned from LIEBEROSE to  
FRANKFURT/O

prior to late July, bulk at the  
post

23 June to 1 July, 1 shipment  
with 10 T-54s at LETZLING HEATH

17 July, elements to JUETERBOG  
(1 shipment)

11 and 12 July, AAA units to  
WUSTROW (3 shipments)

25th Tank Div.

VOGELSANG/  
PRENZLAU

prior to late July, bulk at the  
posts

3 July, elements returned from  
ALLENGRABOW to VOGELSANG (1 shipment)

21 and 22 July, the bulk of the  
tank units moved from VOGELSANG  
to the area south of TEMPLIN  
troop training grounds for exercises

exercises continued in the new  
training area near BEENZ southwest  
of PRANZLAU

Second Gds Mecz Army

Hq

FUERSTENBERG

in July, still assumed to be at the  
post

31st AAA Div

SCHOENWALDE

3 July, elements returned from  
WUSTROW (1 shipment)

9th Sig Regt

FUERSTENBERG

in July, assumed to be at the post

2d L Arty Brig

DOEBERITZ

7 to 15 July, presumably participation  
in exercises of the 1st Mecz Div. west  
of the DOEBERITZ troop training grounds

27 June to 10 July, 4 shipments  
in ALLENGRABOW

12 to 15 July, 1 shipment in  
JUETERBOG

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12th Gds Tank Div.	NEURUPPIN	second half of July, tank and artillery units at the WITSTOCK troop training grounds for several-day exercises and firing practices; post lightly occupied
		4 July, elements of the AAA regiment to ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment)
	DROEGEN	prior to 29 July, motorized rifle regiment at the post
9th Gds Tank Div.	NEUSRELITZ	prior to mid-July, at the post; tank units assumed practicing near the post and at the SPECK-GRANZIN training grounds
		1 to 6 July, artillery and AAA units in ALTENGRABOW (1 or 2 shipments)
	FUERSTENBERG-Castaven See	prior to 22 July, motorized rifle regiment at the post
1st Mecz Div.	DOEBERITZ	prior to late July, bulk at the post
		7 to 15 July, major tank, artillery and infantry units in the area west of DOEBERITZ troop training grounds for exercises
		27 July, elements of the engineer battalion in the vicinity of KETZIN for construction of emergency bridges
		11 July, light AA guns returned from ALTENGRABOW (1 shipment).

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